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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 10, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1 and 3-21 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 6, 11, 14 and 19-21 have been amended. Claims 1, 3 and 18 have been cancelled. New claims 22-24 have been added to recite aspects of the invention. Claims 4-17 and 19-24 remain pending following entry of this response. Applicants submit that the amendments and new claims do not introduce new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4 and 19 have been amended to independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants believe claims 4 and 19 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 6-18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fiscus*, Patent No. US 6,714,473B1 - filed: Nov. 30, 2001 in view of *Jeong*, Patent No. 5,680,359 - filed: Oct. 21, 1997.

Claims 1, 3 and 18 have been canceled. Claims 6-10 and 20 depend respectively from claims 4 and 19, which have been indicated by the Examiner to include allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 6-10 and 20 are believed to be allowable.

Claims 11 and 21 have been amended to include features which have been indicated by the Examiner as allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 11 and 21, and those depending therefrom, are believed to be allowable, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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